*Year: 1999*

| S.No. | Date of occurrence of blast | Place of occurrence of blast | Name* of persons arrested |
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| 30 | 16.4.1999 | In a coach of EMU Panipat Delhi near Holambi Kalan. | Sher Singh |
| 31. | 3.6.1999 | Near Police Post Fountain, Chandni Chowk, Delhi. | Sher Singh |

**Militancy in Jammu and Kashmir**

681. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: SARDAR
GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tempo of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir has increased substantially in the past six months:

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what concrete measures are being adopted to curb and control militancy in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Though there have been continued efforts op the part of Pak ISI and pro-Pak militant outfits to induct mercenaries from across the border into J and K with a view to carrying out terrorist activities, the information available with the Government did not show any significant and sustained spurt in militancy except in the months of Augn»t and September 1999.

(c) With a view to tackling the problems of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, inter-alia. strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of the militants by proactive action against them in the hinterland, gearin up intelligence machinery, greater functional framework of Operations Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for Security Forces.

Steps are being afresh to flush out militants and curb militant activities including closer vigil on the border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations.